

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 5/30/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for psychiatric evaluation of hospital records – 90825 and preparation of report – 90889 denied by the carrier as global.

II. RATIONALE

The Mental Health Treatment Guidelines (g)(3)(B)(iii) states as one of the typical components of a mental health assessment/evaluation, “The review of medical, psychological, education and or vocational records (90825)...” The same Guideline (g)(4) indicates a report must be generated for the evaluation. The CPT code for preparation of the report (90889) states, “includes psychiatric status, history and treatments along with addition information that is required”.

There is no indication in the Medical Fee Guideline that the disputed services are to be global to any other procedure. The review of records and preparation of a report would seem essential to delivering the psychological evaluation. On this basis, reimbursement is recommended.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for psychiatric evaluation of hospital records – 90825 and preparation of report – 90889 in the amount of **\$250.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$250.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 27th day of February 2004.

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